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25X1 1. Since mid-October 1950 the Artillerie Kaserne, Frankfurt/Oder has again been occupied to capacity by about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia.

25X1 About 80 soldiers were observed drilling without rifles on 21 October 1950. Truck [redacted] occupied by about 30 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, entered the barracks installation. Twelve canvas-covered guns, apparently 76.2-mm AA guns, with the barrels elevated 90 degrees were parked in the barracks yard. On 24 October, 16 canvas-covered guns of about 76.2 mm were parked in the yard and the following trucks, occupied by troops and towing eight 37-mm guns, entered the billeting area.

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25X1 On 28 October, about 20 trucks [redacted] left the barracks installation. (1)

25X1 2. On 21 October, the Buelow Kaserne was occupied to capacity by about 600 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. Four canvas-covered tanks were parked in front of the garages. Trucks [redacted] carrying 25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the billeting area. On 28 October about 25 soldiers were seen drilling and about 100 troops undergoing infantry training without arms. (2)

25X1 3. Only a few soldiers wearing crimson epaulets were seen in the north-eastern section of the Eichhorn Kaserne. The southwestern section quartered about 600 troops wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets, more than half of whom were recruits. Truck [redacted] left the installation. Between 21 and 31 October, groups of up to 40 men were seen drilling and throwing practice hand grenades. Motor vehicles

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25X1 [redacted] were identified in the billeting area. (3)

4. Since mid-October, the Hindenburg Kaserne has again been occupied by 300 to 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 21 October, about 20 unarmed soldiers were seen drilling. Truck [redacted] occupied by 15 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, and passenger car [redacted] occupied by a high-ranking officer, left the installation. (4)

5. The Hofbauer Kaserne quartered 40 to 60 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The fence surrounding the barracks installation had been largely replaced by a board fence two meters high. Soldiers worked on four trucks standing at the armory. Motor vehicles

25X1 [redacted] were identified in the billeting area. (5)

6. The Horn Kaserne was occupied by 400 to 500 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 23 October, about 25 soldiers were seen undergoing close combat exercises. The noise

25X1 [redacted] heard from the tank garages sounded as if assembly work on tanks was done there. Motor vehicles [redacted]

25X1 were seen at the barracks installation. (6)

7. The Ziethen Kaserne was occupied to capacity by troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with tank and artillery insignia. On 21 October, eight to ten soldiers were seen engaged in aiming practice with four 76.2-mm guns. Two canvas-covered tanks were parked in front of the armory. On 24 October, about 40 unarmed soldiers were seen engaged in infantry training and ten soldiers doing callisthenics. In the garages, work was being done on tanks. A turret was being taken off one tank by

25X1 a crane. About 20 soldiers were being instructed on two 76.2-mm guns in front of the garage. Motor vehicles [redacted]

25X1 were identified in the billeting area. T-34 tank [redacted] and trucks

25X1 [redacted] occupied by six to eight soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, left the installation. (6)

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- 25X1 [] Comments.
- 25X1 (1) The information indicates that the Artillerie Kaserne was occupied to capacity by units of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 32nd, consisting of 85-mm heavy AAA batteries and 37-mm light AAA batteries. The information confirms previous reports [] stating that the barracks installation had been vacated by the unidentified AAA Div of the Fourth Gds Mecz Army in August 1950 and that it was reoccupied by elements of the unidentified AAA Div, possibly the 32nd, of the GOMG in October 1950.
- 25X1 (2) According to a report of 10 October 1950 [] the components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div from the Buelow Kaserne had returned to their quarters by that time. []
- 25X1 (3) No changes since the last report of 20 October 1950 []
- 25X1 (4) According to a previous report [] tank elements of the 7th Gds Mecz Div returned to the "indenburg Kaserne between 10 and 12 October 1950. []
- 25X1 (5) No changes since the last report of 20 October 1950 [] A report of 10 November 1950 [] stated that officers, probably officer replacements, who arrived in Frankfurt/Oder aboard the leave train from Brest Litovsk had been picked up by trucks and brought to the Hofbauer Kaserne for reassignment to new posts. []
- 25X1 (6) Tank components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div returned to the Horn Kaserne and the Ziethen Kaserne on 17 and 18 October 1950. [] The present report indicates that the bulk of the components of the 7th Gds Mecz Div had returned to the post from field exercises by the end of October 1950.
- 25X1 (7) [] 288th Gds AAA Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div in Frankfurt/Oder up to 16 October 1950.

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